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"Madame de Vassart desires to go a first-class compartment.

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"And then? Are we going direct to | I caught the sleeve of a captain of | "are you not chief of this bureau

and he tore open the compartment

The train was gliding along the as-

The cars were rolling a little faster

"A safe journey, madame," I stam-

mered, catching at the hand she held

"I shall never forgive this wanton

self-sacrifice," she said, unsteadily.

Then the car rolled silently past me,

swifter, swifter, and her white face

The station-master passed, a hag-

gard gentleman in rumpled uniform

and gilt cap; and as he left the office

by the outer door the heavy explosion

of a rampart cannon shook the station.

"Can you get me to Paris?" I asked.

"Quick, then," he muttered; "this

way-lean on me, monsieur! I am

A car, doors swinging wide, glided

past me; I caught the rail and fell for-

CHAPTER VIII.

A Man to Let.

ward into a compartment,

your compartment," I said.

window and tried to open it.

at the window.

than I could move along.

fingers with my lips.

faded from my sight.

way!"

gendarmerie who was running to enter | Colonel Jarras?"

SYNOPSIS. Scarlett, an American soldier of fortune in the employ of the French Imperial Police at the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war, is ordered to arrest John Buckhurst, a leader of the Communists and suspected of having atolen the French crown jewels. While searching for Buckhurst, Scarlett is ordered to arrest Countess de Vassart and her group of socialists and escort them to the Belgian border. Scarlett finds Sylvia Elven of the Gécon disguised as a peasant and earries her to La Trappe where the countess and her friends are assembled. All are arrested. The countess saves Scarlett from a fatal fall from the roof of the house. He denounces Buckhurst as the leader of the Reds and the countess as the leader of the Reds and the countess conducts him to where Buckhurst is secreted. German Uhlans descend on the place and Buckhurst is secreted. German Uhlans descend on the place and Buckhurst secapes during the melee. Scarlett is wounded. He recovers consciousness in the countess house at Morabronn, where he is cared for by the countess. A fierce battle is fought in the streets between French and Prussian soldiers. Buckhurst professes repenience and returns the crown jewels to Scarlett. He declares he will give himself up to the authorities. Scarlett doubts his sincerity, Buckhurst urges the countess to go to Paradise.

CHAPTER VII.

A Struggle Foreshadowed.
I took my breakfast by the window.

ing up Morsbronn. A soldier came in and started the land and America!" fire in my fireplace. When he went breeches pocket and tossed it into the fire. After it followed my commission.

A German ambulance surgeon arrived to see me in the afternoon. After a brief examination he sat down and resumed a very bad clgar, which had been smouldering between

his carefully kept fingers. "Do you know," he said admiringly. "that I have nover before seen just such a wound. The spinal column is not even grazed. As far as I can Why?" I wondered, and said, aloud. see the blow from the bullet temporarily paralyzed the spinal cord. There is no fracture, no depression. I do not see why you should not walk If you desire to." "When? Now?"

"Try it," he said, briefly. I tried. Apart from a certain muscular weakness and a great fatigue, I found it quite possible to stand, even to move a few steps# Then I sat down again, and was glad to do so.

rather grimly, and it suddenly flashed you are watching the house in Para-on me that I had dropped my blanket dise, and that you are hoping to catch and he had noticed my hussar's trou- me there."

"So," he said, "you are a military to stay at the house in Paradise?"

the door, and then sauntered in, qui- me," etly greeting the surgeon, who looked He rose and walked to the window; around at the sound of his footsteps at the same moment I heard the sound on the stone floor. There was no of wheels below. longer a vestige of doubt in my mind that Buckhurst was a German agent, said. "Are you ready to start, Mr. or at least that the Germans believed | Scarlett?" him to be in their pay. And doubtless he was in their pay, but to whom he any certainty.

asked. "Can he travel today?" "Before he travels," said the officer, "it might be well to find out why he

wears part of a hussar uniform." "I've explained that to the provost," condition to travel.

the stairs without taking any notice and produced a small slip of paper, and Buckhurst lifted me. which he very carefully twisted into a

France," he said.

Then, logically continuing my role mounted to the box. of the morning, I began to upbraid; "Your safe-conduct carries you to would not owe my salvation to him. You are unjust and a trifle stupid." ormation which I never give. But I continue south to Strasbourg. save the entre of their lines. I do

in its service. . . And it pays

He looked squarely at me as he said this. I almost trembled with delight:

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ney Bank Has Been the Cause

of Much Comment.

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for its expansion as has the postal cipal was \$6,545,681.

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the commissioners adopted a policy of realis, according to recent Norwegian

decentralization by the establishment and German observers. People living

of district branches, giving all the fa- in the northern part of Norway main-

cilities offered by the head office. tained that they often hear sounds ac-

city and suburbs and 63 in the coun- sounds are described by some as simi-

the man undervalued me, he had taken [me at my own figure, and now, hold- Paris?" ing me in absolute contempt, he was going to begin on me.

And our chance is here.

"The time is coming when the richest city in Europe will be put to the for the scent of the winter violets on sack. You don't believe it? Yet you the boulevards." shall live to see Paris besieged, and . . you shall live to see Paris surrender, and you shall live to see the Internation of the last Prussian outpost halled us. I see he is wounded—can't you cause, good or bad.

As we sat there in it to death under the red flag of uni- I opened my eyes to see a dozen Uh-

one hand. at one another's throats—and the came back.
game is up! It's always so—mob rule And now the brief ceremony was little, and set aside enough-well, wind.

enough to make it pay, you see." "He's bound to get to Paradise. 'What do you want of me?"

police, Mr. Scarlett." "There is one thing I want to ask you," said I. "Why do you desire to sky a luminous haze hung. go to Paradise?"

"Why not?" I demanded. "-But I'll say this," he continued. "I want you to come to Paradise with

me and that fool of a woman. I want road crossing," she said, The doctor was looking at my legs you to report to your government that dise, and that you are hoping to catch with wounded. . . . He had busime there." "You refuse to tell me why you wish

prisoner? I understood from the pro- "Yes, . . . I refuse. And, byvost marshal that you were a civil- the-way, the Countess is to think that I have presented myself in Paris and As he spoke Buckhurst appeared at that the government has pardoned

"I believe that is our carriage," he

"Is the Countess de Vassart to go with us?" I asked, trying to find a reswas faithful nobody could know with son for these events which were succeeding one another too quickly to suit

He gave me an absent-minded nod; moment later the Countess entered. Buckhurst aided me to rise, the Countess threw my hussar jacket over my shoulders and buttoned it. "I congrat observed Buckhurst, examining his luate you on your convalescence," she well-kept finger-nails. "And I have a said, in a low voice. "Lean on me,

By head swam; hips and knees were The officer gave him a glance full without strength; she aided me down of frank dislike, adjusted his saber, the stairway and out into the pale way of Avricourt." pulled on his white gloves, and, bow- sunshine, where stood the same muding very slightly to me, marched splashed, rusty vehicle which had straight out of the room and down brought us hither from La Trappe. As I stood beside the carriage, won-

of Buckhurst. The latter looked after dering how I was going to get in, I the officer, then his indifferent eyes felt an arm slip under my neck and diamonds; they were safe in my hipeturned to me. Presently he sat down another slide gently under my knees, pocket. The Countess stepped into the car-

"I suppose you doubt my loyalty to Buckhurst followed, seating himself through which double files of farmopposite us, and the Alsatian driver

him for a traitor and swear that I the French outposts at Saverne," said crush of vehicles. The Countess and the provost dryly. "If there are no our Alsatian driver helped me to the he said. "I am paid by Prussia for in- may demand a vise for your pass and at the throng, being too weak to battle and watching me in alert ellence

> "You will take a train at Strasbourg," replied Buckhurst.

commissioners' staff officers.

the real branches are managed by the

The loan department also shows ex-

vember, 1912, the number of loans

was 4,057, and the outstanding prin-

During 13 years 9,952 loans have

been made to settlers and farmers to

the amount of \$9,471,581, besides

city and suburban property were made

German scientists are greatly inter-

ested in a discussion regarding new

phenomena revealed by the aurora bo

to the extent of \$3,007.757

Buckhurst half turned towards the it for the sake of the Internationale. driver. "Allez," he said, quietly, and less warded off the plunging human The Internationale has a few people the two gaunt horses moved on. "Is there a railroad at Saverne?"

there," he said, glancing at her with "Scarlett," he said, in English, "let a sort of sneaking deference which he snapped in surprise. us come to the point. I am a merce- he now assumed in her presence. nary American; you are an American | "It is true," said the Countess, turnmercenary, paid by the French gov- ing to me. "I wish to rest for a little

ernment. You care nothing for that while before I go to Point Paradise. government or for the country; you I am curiously tired of poverty, Monwould drop both today if your pay sieur Scarlett," she added, and held door and swung the Countess to the savagely. ceased. You and I are outsiders; we out her shabby gloves with a gesture car platform, are in the world to watch our chances of despair; "I am reduced to very I suppose s little-I have scarcely anything left,

tionale rise up from nowhere, seize the had been asleep for hours, but was government by the throat, and choke awakened by the clatter of horses, and versal—ahem! . . . license"—the lans come cantering up and surround faintest sneer came into his pallid face our carriage. One of the troopers tied -"and every city of France shall be a white handkerchief to his lance-tip, a commune, and we shall pass from wheeled his wiry horse, and, followed city to city, leisurely, under the law- by a trumpeter, trotted off ahead of our laws, which we will make-and i as.

watching the German soldiery clean- pity the man among us who cannot | Presently, very far away on the place his millions in the banks of Eng- gray-green hill-side, I saw a bit of white move. One minute, two, three, He leaned forward in his chair, idly ten passed. Then, distant galloping out I drew my code-book from my twisting his crumpled bit of paper in sounded along the road, nearer, nearer; three horsemen suddenly wheeled "I am not fool enough to believe into view ahead-French dragoons, admy memoranda, and every scrap of that our reign will last," he said. "It vancing at a solid gallop. The Uhlan writing. The diamonds I placed in the may last a month, two months, per-bosom of my flannel shirt. may last a month, two months, per-haps three. Then we leaders will be them, saluted, wheeled his horse and

can't last-it never has lasted and over and our rusty vehicle moved off never will. But the prudent man will down the hill, while the Uhlans turned make hay before the brief sunshine bridle and clattered off, scattering trying to send another train out-but is ended; I expect to economize a showers of muddy gravel in the rising Heaven alone knows! Quick, this

I dozed towards sunset, waking when the Countess stepped back into the carriage and seated herself by my side. Then, after a little, I slept "I want immunity from the secret again. And it was nearly dark when I was awakened by the startling whistle of a locomotive. In the dark southern "The lights of Strasbourg," whis-

"Well," he said, slowly, "I shall not pered the Countess, as I sat up, rubbing my hot eyes. I looked for Buckhurst; his place was empty.

"Mr. Buckhurst left us at the rail-"Left us!" "Yes! He boarded a train loaded



in Paris. . . And we are to go by So Buckhurst had already begun to

execute his programme. But the abrupt, infernal precision of the man tarred me unpleasantly. In the dark I felt cautiously for my

Presently our carriage stopped be fore a tremendous mass of masonry riage and took her place beside me; pierced by an iron, arched gate,

wagons were rolling, escorted by cusoms guards and marines, and we entered Strasbourg in the midst of a longer French outposts at Saverne, you platform. I looked around with dread for a foothold; but the brave Alsatian elbowed a path for me, and the Countcattle, and at length I found myself beside the cars where line-soldier

stood guard at every ten paces and gendarmes stalked about, shoving the Your report doesn't concern me." frantic people into double files. THRIFT IN NEW SOUTH WALES | der the control of state officials, while | phenomena, and one of them Olav Asbakken, has spent a long time at the Hallde observatory in Finmarken. Manner of Dog's Death Has Led Many Asbakken thinks that it is very unpansion. On December 31, 1906, there likely that any sound is to be heard was due big farmers and settlers \$1. from the northern lights. He main-952,461, respresenting 4,005. In No- tains that the human senses are not to be relied on, especially regarding the nomena of sight. He says that the idea of sound connected with the northern lights may result from the fact that these lights look like flames

and as people are accustomed to asso-

ciate the crackling sound with flames

the rather uncritical observer of the

blazing movements of the aurora bore-

alis is apt to think that he really hears the sound of those flames. Not What He Was Looking For. "I never robbed a man but once," said the honest tramp, "and then I sloping stone platform to the water idea of mine." was starving. He would not give me and plunged in. Caliph snorted and a penny, and I couldn't stand the thrashed about. The dog went under gnawings in my stomach any longer, and did not come up again. After a shirt. There are now 114 branches-51 in the companying the northern lights. These through his pockets. What kind of a body about in the water. Keeper lar to the crackling of flames. Ac-There are also numerous agencies, cordingly German and Norwegian sci--for that full feeling after eating." motive for suicide was apparent. constantly increasing in north s, un- entists started out to investigate the

The train which bore me out of the arc of the Prussian fire at Strasbourg passed in between the fortifications of Paris the next morning about eleven o'clock. Ten minutes later I was in a closed cab on my way to the headquarters of the Imperial Military Po-lice, temporarily housed in the Luxembourg palace. I did not enter my door or even glance at it; I continued straight on, down the corridor to a door, on the ground-glass panes of which was printed in red lettering:

"HEADQUARTERS IMPERIAL to MILITARY POLICE SAFE DEPOSIT. I entered, passed rapidly along the face of the steel cage behind which some officers sat on high stools, writing, and presented myself at the guichet marked. "Foreign Division." A very elegant officer strolled up to

the guichet as I laid my bag of diamonds on the glass shelf, languidly unlocked the steel window-gate, and picked up the bag of jewels. The officer was Mornac, the Emperor's alter ego, or ame damnee, who had taken over the entire department the

very day I left Paris for the frontier. 'Name and number?" inquired Morac, indolently. I gave both. "You desire to declare?" I enumerated the diamonds, and des

ignated them as those lately stolen from the crucifix of Louis XI. Mornac handed me a printed certificate of deposit, opened a compartment in the safe, and tossed in the bag

without sealing it. I limped off past the glittering steel cage, thankful that the jewels were safe, turned into the corridor, and hastened back to my own rooms. To tear off my togs, bathe, shave and dress in a light suit of civilian

clothes took me longer than usual for I was a trifle lame. Pondering, I slowly retraced my steps through the bedroom and dressing-room, and out into the tiled hallway, where, at the end of the dim corridor, the door of Colonel Jarras' bu-

reau stood partly open. As I sat down I glanced around and saw my old comrade, Speed, sitting in a dark corner, chewing a cigarette "You are present to report?" sug

gested Colonel Jarras, heavily, I began my report, but was immedi ately stopped by Jarras with a peev ish gesture: "All right, all right; keep all that for the Chief of Department. "Doesn't concern you!" I repeated; little bare herself?

Deliberation.

ommit suicide was settled to the sat-

isfaction of a number of visitors at

and the other by her son, Caliph II.

"Eh-what do you want, monsieur?" no bureau now-at least no bureau for the Foreign Division." "Try to make room for this lady in Speed leaned forward and said! "Scarlett, my friend, the Foreign Di- to "Willingly, monsieur. Hasten, madvision of the Imperial Military Police

"No," snapped Jarras; "and there's

ame; the train is already moving!" has been abolished." "Who the devil did that?" I asked "Mornac."

Mornac! The Emperor's shadow! I suppose she thought I was to follow, for when the officer slammed the Then truly enough it was all up with . . and I am weak enough to long compartment door she stepped to the the Foreign Division. But the shame of it!—the disgrace of as faithful a to in the course of a year; then see "Quick!" she cried to the guard, who body of police, mercenaries though had just locked the door; "help that they were, as ever worked for any

As we sat there in silence, a soldier phalt platform; I hobbled beside the he went away, leaning on his ivory- be made into a real home. locked compartment, where she stood headed cane, head bowed over the string of medals on his breast. When he had gone, Speed came over

and shut the door, then shook hands with me.

out and brushing the shabby-gloved nac, or he'll catch you tripping in your report." "Look here," I said, angrily, "how can Mornac catch me tripping? I'm

not under his orders." "You are until you're discharged. You see, they've taken it into their heads, since the crucifix robbery, to suspect everybody and anybody short of the Emperor. Mornac came smelling around here the day you left. He's at the bottom of all this-a nice business to cast suspicion on our division because we're foreigners. Gad, he looks like a pickpocket himself-he's

got the oblique trick of the eyes and the restless finger movement.' "Perhaps he is," I said. Speed looked at me sharply. "If I were in the service now I'd arrest Mornac-if I dared." Then a soldier appeared to summon

us both, and we followed to the temporary bureau. At a careless nod from Mornac muttered the formal "I have to report, sir-" and began mumbling a per-

functory account of my movements since leaving Paris. I told the truth as far as I went, which brought me to my capture by Uhlans and the natural escape of my prisoner, Buckhurst, I merely added

that I had secured the diamonds and had managed to reach Paris via Stras-He listened very quietly while I told of my encounter with Buckhurst in Morsbronn, of our journey to Saverne,

rival in Paris. "Where is Buckhurst?" he asked "I do not know." I replied doggedly. "That is to say that you had him

in your power within the French lines yet did not secure him?" "Yes. There was something more important to do than to arrest Buckhurst. I had every reason to believe that an important conspiracy was be-

ing ripened somewhere near Paradise. I had every reason to believe that the robbery of the crown jewels might furnish funds for the plotters. "The arrest of one man could not break up the conspiracy; I desired to trap the leaders; and to that end I deliberately liberated this man Buck-

hurst as a stool-pigeon. If my judg-ment has been at fault, I accept the blame." Mornac examined his carefully kept finger-tips in detail. "You say he bribed you?"

"I said he attempted to do so," replied, sharply. "With the dlamonds?" "Yes."

"I deposited them as usual." "Bring them."

Angry as I was, I saluted, wheeled and hastened off to the safe deposit. The jewel-bag was delivered when I presented my printed slip; I picked it up and marched back, savagely biting my mustache and striving to control my increasing exasperation Never before had I endured insolence from a superior officer.

Mornac was questioning Speed as I entered, and he lolled in his chair with an absent-minded expression like the expression of a cat who pretends to forget the mouse between her paws. (TO BE CONTINUED.) How is it that a woman will often

call her husband a brute, and yet at-

tend a reception with him and be a

FOUND MOTIVE FOR SUICIDE! A cataract made the dog's right eye blind. Its emaciated condition show ed that it was homeless and friendto Believe It Was Sought With

less. There was no name on the col lar plate. Trousers and Skirt, Too. Something decidedly new in femi nine apparel has been donned by Mra

the Central park menagerie when a K. Faracias, employed in the shipping yellow-haired buildog jumped into the department of a wholesale grocery in open air hippopotamus tank, relates Stockton, Cal., in the form of a comthe New York Sun. The tank is di- bination trouser and skirt suit. vided into two compartments, one of "I have worked for the company for which is occupied by Miss Murphy many years," says Mrs. Faracias. "In that time I have become convinced A large crowd of visitors lined the that the business woman should adopt outer railing when the dog trotted into a mode of dress as severely plain as the inclosure and headed for that that of man. I have worked alongpart of the tank where Caliph was side men for so long that I do not

splashing about. He went down the think I am far off the track in this During working hours Mrs. Fars. cias wears the trousers and a soft When she is on the street a So I knocked him down and went time the hippo was seen tossing the straight two-piece skirt is worn but toned onto the waistband of the trons haul did I make? Just one little bot- George Sichert drew off the water and ers and fastened by tailored straps at tle, which read on the label: 'Pepsin took out the dead animal and said the the side, allowing access however to all trouser pockets .-- New York World

a great liking to it, fed it himself one piece of fish at a time; and the one wrench, not only tore it off his ple he felt ashamed. He called out At last it became so tame that it Each time he caught a piece of fish shirt with it. He then caught hold of and when that came, he put it on, still followed him about the grounds like a he would gulp it down hurriedly, and the basket in the most greedy man- standing with his back to the wall, evidently puzzled to know what was

> Greenland's Glaciers. lake.



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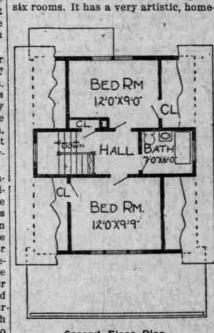
Investigations show that the matority of men working on salaries are paying out one-quarter or more of their entire earnings in rent. Take paper and pencil, and sit down and figure out what this rent bill amounts the amount it comes to in ten years. You will be almost appalled at the size of the amount. In most cases it is enough to buy outright a fine house came to summon Colonel Jarras, and and lot, a valuable property that can

But what has the renter to show for this money at the end of ten years? Nothing but a big pile of rent receipts. Nothing that he can call really his own after paying out enough money "He's gone to see Mornac; it will to buy the house. He has no more be our turn next. Look out for Mor- right to it than the day he moved in. and may be turned out into the street any time his everlasting rent payments are not made.

And after all, the investment feature, the money end of the proposition, is really of minor importance compared with some others. Parents having the welfare of their children at heart should make any sacrifice needed to provide a real home for them to grow up in. Think of the delights of the "Old Home" you once knew. What fond memories cluster about it! What an influence for good that old place has been to you in yourlife! You have looked back to it with reverence, and have hurried back to it eagerly whenever there was a chance. Home is the most beautiful like appearance, being in good style is no place on earth like home.

are to do for a home when you have grade of material throughout. rented all your life, moving every year

enough to defer any man from embarking in a home-owning enterprise. Of course, there should be reason in this as in other things. One should not buy too expensive a place, any more than he should attempt to "show off" by buying too elaborate or expensive clothing. The more expensive residence can come later, if you desire, after you have finished paying for the first modest little home. Many have begun this way, and have even tually become large real estate own ers through systematic saving. This is a story-and-a-half cottage of



Second Floor Plan.

word in the English language. There and substantially built. It is stated that this house has been built complete What do you suppose your children for \$2,300.00, using a good, substantial This is a dwelling that is well suit-

or so from one rented house to the ed to the requirements of a small 5089×

The arrangement is all that could be

desired for a house of this size. From

room, a good-size, home-like apart

which is really a part of the living

room being connected with it hy a

columned opening. The wide bay

window with built-in seat, makes this

little room very attractive indeed. The

On the second floor, two good-size

bedrooms are provided, each with a

large closet and storage space. A

bathroom is on this floor, opening

from the hall. For a small house, this

Activities of Women.

Kansas has 275,000 women voters.

Cleveland housemaids have formed

Pennsylvania has 10,000 feeble mind-

Philadelphia has three women mill

Michigan has 100,000 women tax-

Baroness de la Roche, who won the

aviation cup by covering 325 kilome-

ters in four hours, is now considered

the champion woman aviator, as the

previous record was 280 kilometers

Ultra-Fashionable women in Paris

are appearing in public wearing gowns

daringly slashed, which reveals that

shown with dainty paintings or gems.

sity of Berlin is the first woman in

professor. She became a doctor of

medicine several years ago, and now,

by her researches in pathology, has

earned the right to be called professor.

Knowledge of the Ancients.

ments and ornaments found in Egypt,

Professor Handcock, an Englishman

From various prehistoric imple

Miss Rachel Hirsch of the Univer-

made by Mme. Pallier.

owners.

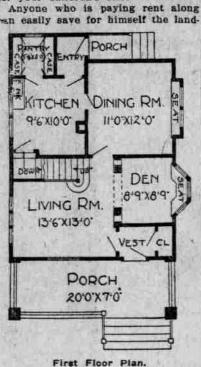
payers.

design is well worth considering

next? That does not make a real | building lot. The total width of the home, and is not fair to the children. house is 24 feet, its length 30 feet, not Love of home, and love and respect including the front porch. A buildof parents, go hand in hand. They ing of rectangular form like this is are the two most sacred things in most economical to build, since there is nothing complicated about the roof.

There is a sense of security, of own- and no jogs or corners in the walls to ership, of permanence in the posses- add to the expense. sion of even a small cottage. It makes life happier and more worth while. netimes you hear people say "It the front porch a square vestibule is costs more to own a home than it does entered. To the left is the living to pay rent." This is not true: but even if it were true, the arguments ment, with an open stairway at one still would be on the side of owning side ascending to the second floor. A your own home both for your own and novel feature of this design is the den. eer your children's sake.

Anyone who is paying rent along



lord's profit and own his own home We all know of many landlords who are not only making a good living but are growing wealthy by borrowing money, building houses with it and renting them to people, who, if they realized it, could with a little effort just as well build or buy the home for themselves.

Home builders are considered the very best kind of security, and real estate men and property owners are eager to do business with them. From one hundred to five hundred dollars is all that it requires as a first payment to start you on the road to the ownership of a substantially built, home-like little place like the one il- of that land used face paint; that lustrated herewith.

has concluded that the ancient peoples

After you have the early pre-dynastic Egyptians were made the start, it is just as easy to a neolithic people, having been skilled make the monthly payment as it is in the making of flints and very early to pay rent; for these payments can learning the use of copper and gold. be arranged so that they amount to and that from the earliest times they the same as rent, including both pay- knew how to navigate sailing boats ment on the principal, and interest on and rowboats. Chautaugua and Catskill. According to the United States geo- wild cats found in them. The creek ogical department, chautauqua is an which flows from the mountains was Indian word of doubtful meaning, called Kaaterskill, "tomcats' creek.

Among the translations given are foggy place," "place where a child was washed away," "where the fish was taken out," "place of easy death" and "place where one was lost." Another version is "bag tied in the midfle," referring to the shape of the

Catskill was named from the mountains which were called "katsbergs" left.-Manchester Guardian.

by the Dutch, from the number of

Overheard After School. "What's the matter, Tommy?" "Oh, I'm tired of school. I'd like to go to bed for a week. "Why, how's that?"

"Well, you see, I'm in a very awkward position. I was next to the box at the bottom of the class-and he's

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 15.

CHRIST'S HATRED OF SHAMS.

LESSON TEXT-Luke 11:77-54. GOLDEN TEXT- Be not deceived; God a not mocked."-Gal, 6:7. This is a strange breakfast episode (to "dise" means literally, to breakfast). Jesus accepted three such invitations from the Pharisces and was accused of being a glution and a wine bibber, Matt. 11-19; Luke 7:36. 39, 44. In this instance we are told plainly (v. 54) why he had been asked to this feast. At a later time, e. g. during the Passion week, Jesus delivered a special discourse against the Pharisees (Matt. 23) in which he repeated many of the things we study

Must Be Clean.

I. False vs. True cleansing (vv. 37-44). The orthodox Jew is very punctilious to avoid ceremonial uncleantiness. In Christ's time this ceremonialism was at its highest development To be defiled was far worse than to be morally unclean. This Pharisee,"marveled" that Jesus was not likewise concerned with his outward acts (v ... se also Matt. 23:25, 26). To have a clean cup and platter was more important than to have a clean heart. In a fragment of Gospel found at Oxyrhyncus, Jesus is reputed to have said to a Pharisee; "Thou hast washed in waters wherein dogs and swine have been cast, and wiped the outside skin which also hariots anoint and beautify, but within they are full of scorpions and all wickedness. But I have been dipped in the waters of eternal life which come from the throne of God." Pious platters, presented in pride, must be in-wardly purified. He who thus neglects the inside is a "fool" (v. 40), for God created the inside as well as the outside. Their hearts were filled with "extortion and wickedness." As a substitute these false teachers laid great stress upon alms. In the Arabic "alms" is closely related to the word which means "to cleanse." Hence verse 41 may read. "cleanse what is within, and surely all is clean to you." It is not so much alms that people long for as fair, honest treatment and accompanying the service, a loving heart (John 13:34). Jesus pronounces three "woes,"

griefs that like an avending nemests hang over men of such a character. (1) A "wee" against those who make a show of tithing the common garden mint and herbs and at the same time avold the weightler matters of just relations to their fellow men and love to God (v. 42). We are not to neglect our churchly duties at all, but these cannot be substituted for righteousness (see Micha 6:8). A "woe" against those who love the places of pre-eminence (v. 43, cf. Matt. from the church after a lapse of centuries. It is unchristian, unchristlike. The great one must be the servant of all (Matt. 23:11, 20:28, John 13:14, 15, Phil. 2:5-8). (3) (v. 43), The third 'woe" is directed against hypocrisy. To touch a grave was to become unclean, and hence they were whitewashed to give men wa. aing. / Many Christians are without beautiful to behold, yet within full of dead men's bones and all manner of uncleanliness. The Three Woes.

H. Real vs. Sham Lives (vv. 45-54). The lawyers were the theologians, the expounders of the Mosaic law. Ev idently the words of Jesus produced great conviction. The word "reproach est" (v. 45) means "to entreat spite fully," and the probabilities are that he spoke to Jesus as if to rebuke him. Jesus at once pronounces three woes upon him and his class. (1) A "woe" because they laid burdens upon others which they themselves would not even touch with one of their fingers (Matt. 23:4). That is, they added to the law minute and troublesome details. which they declared to be more important than the law itself. (2) dining room, kitchen, and pantry are (v. 47) A "woe" is pronounced upon well arranged for housekeeping work. them for honoring the dead prophets and at the same time rejecting and persecuting those that were living To honor dead teachers, to praise the prophets of the past, those whom we cannot endure while living, is a form of hypocrisy which costs but little. It implies that had they lived in the days of their fathers their conduct would have been indifferent, yet they are with the living prophets, following the example of their fathers. God foresaw this (v. 49) and the faithful minister of his word must expect a like treatment (Mk. 10:29, 30). (3) (v. 12) The third "woe" was pronounced against these religious teachers because, possessing the key to knowledge, they neither entered themselves nor would they allow others to enter; "ye enter not in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering in to enter." (Matt. 23:13, Am. Rv.). These lawyers, theologians, were professedly interpreters of the law, that law which was the foundation and bulwark of the Jewish nation. In fact, however, they the accustomed silk stockings are lackhad so obscured and "explain d" that ing and instead the decollete calf is law as to leave men in darkness. Supposed to lead men into truth, they were shutting them out of the truth. What a terrible indictment of many Germany to have the coveted title of of this present age who profess teach the Word.

We quote from the letter of a Wisconstn business man: "The average man is interested in the teachings of the Bible. If the Bible cannot stand upon its own feet, it is foolish to bolster it up by any personal ideas. We make too many apologies for Scriptures and do not stand squarely by what it teaches." Not a few who occupy the position of teachers obscure the truth of God and they shut men out of a real knowledge of him. Jesus thus replies to both Pharisees and the lawyer, that claracter is not a garment to wear, but it is the inward fur nishing of the heart.

Jesus hated all hypocrisy, all sham and more important still, he gived what he taught, thereby differentiating himself especially from the teachers of his day. There is not a single command which he did not embods in his dally life, nor precept which cannot find its illustration from that same life.

It is probable that the Nile contains a greater variety of fish this any other river in the world. An epedition sent by the British museum brought back 8,000 specimens.

Embarrassment to Owner and Trainer of Animals.

of the largest sea-lions ever kept in stop, or not to walk so fast. captivity was once owned by Mr. Carl animals. It weighed nearly a ton.

Hagenteck, who buys and sells wild people were looking at the sea-lion,

One afternoon, when a good many turned to go out. Mr. Hagenbeck took some pieces of him. Quick as a flash, he rushed up beck was standing with his back to and discharge into the sea four square but it was so good-tempered and amia- fish in a basket, and went into the to Mr. Hagenbeck, caught hold of his the wall, for it had been stripped bare miles of ice yearly, 1.000 feet thick

PET TORE OFF HIS CLOTHES ble that Mr. Hagenbeck's father took inclosure to feed his pet. He threw coat with his sharp teeth, and with of clothing, and before so many peo-Sea-Lion the Cause of Considerable every day, and made a great pet of it. sea-lion caught them in his mouth, back, but took a large piece of the to his son to bring him an overcoat.

dog, stopped when he stopped, and then give one of his peculiar cries, as ner, and began to gobble up the rest while the sea-lion hovered about him, A sea-fion looks much like a seal, then flopped on again after him in its if begging for more. When he had of the fish as quick as he could. but it is larger, has a longer neck. clumsy way, giving peculiar little cries eaten more than half the basketful. He was very good-tempered about the matter. Youth's Companion. and holds its head very upright. One from time to time, as if to ask him to Mr. Hagenbeck thought he had enough it, and guiped down his food until for a meal, and taking up the basket, the basket was quite empty; then he But the seal-lion did not agree with if that were all. But poor Mr. Hagen- feet in thickness, move 50 feet a day,

went over to his master, as if to ask

Greenland glaciers average 1,000